DECISION RECORD

NEPA No.: <u>AZ-210-2005-0018</u> Case File No.: <u>AZA-31882</u>

Decision:

It is my decision to approve the Special Recreation Permit which approves the Arizona Trail Riders (ATR) 2005 Desert Mountain National Enduro to be held on February 26 and 27, 2005. This permit authorizes ATR to conduct a commercial and competitive motorcycle enduro event, with associated overnight camping and staging, on the approved roads, trails, washes and Boulders staging area as described in the proposed action for the above NEPA document. This permit will be valid from February 25 to February 28, 2005 providing the permittee complies with all permit terms, conditions and stipulations.

Rationale for Decision:

Special Recreation Permits are discretionary and may be issued on a case by case basis pursuant to 43 CFR 2930. It has been determined that the proposed action is in conformance with the "Phoenix Resource Area Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement" dated September 29, 1989 and the "Arizona Trail Riders Enduro Motorcycle Event" Environmental Assessment, dated February 25, 1998. Existing NEPA documentation covers the proposed action and constitutes BLM's compliance with the requirements of NEPA. This decision has no adverse impact on energy development, production, supply and/or distribution. Terms, conditions and stipulations addressed in the EA, and included with the permit, should ensure protection of the sensitive resources in the proposed areas. Compliance monitoring will be conducted to ensure these measures are followed and no significant impacts are occurring.

Mitigation Measures/Stipulations:

- 1. The permittee will adhere to all control measures agreed to in the Dust Control Plan approved by the Maricopa County Air Quality Division. Measures include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - a) The course will be routed to reduce visible and fugitive dust from Highway 74 and the Quintero Development. Remaining at least one mile from the highway, and avoiding route LP8 are currently recommended to meet this requirement
 - b) The starting line will not be located within ½ mile of the Boulders staging area.
 - c) Water will be applied on the access road to the staging area, the staging area, the jetting loop, refueling pits and the starting line the day before, during and immediately after the event (Friday thru Sunday).
 - d) All areas that have been identified to potentially create excessive dust such as the access road, staging area, jetting loop, starting line, refueling pits, sand wash transfer sections, two-track routes adjacent to the staging area and route LP6 will be closely monitored during the duration of the event. Water will be applied to these areas, and/or other control measures such as speed limits, will be implemented as needed.

- e) Refueling pits will be moved to the haul road if dust is determined to be excessive and mitigation measures are unsuccessful.
- f) Traffic on the access road, in the staging area, on the access road to the starting line and route LP6 will be limited to 15 MPH.
- g) The jetting loop will be limited to set blocks of time and will only be allowed on Saturday.
- 2. This SRP is not an exclusive use permit. Public access to BLM lands, including mining claims, shall not be denied. The applicant will coordinate traffic control and road crossings required on the designated course. As a minimum, traffic control monitors will be located at the two Castle Hot Springs Road crossings.
- 3. Signs alerting the public land users to the event, including the date and approximate times the race will be in progress, will be located at the following sites: Quintero Golf and Country Club entrance road, south and north end of Cedar Basin Road, Morgan City Wash entrance off of Highway 74, the access road intersection at mile post 11.5 on Highway 74, and the two course crossings on Castle Hot Springs Road.
- 4. The speed limit on the course segment that is on Cedar Basin Road is limited to 15 MPH to reduce dust and noise impacts to the adjacent wilderness.
- 5. The event will be allowed only if soil moisture levels are not so high that undue trail damage will occur. If moderate rains occur on the day of the event, appropriate rehabilitation will be done by the permittee at the direction of the BLM representative within 30 days following the event. The event may be cancelled at any time by the BLM representative due to excessive soil moisture.
- 6. Play riding is restricted to non-congested areas within the staging/camping area. No passengers are allowed on ATVs unless the ATV is designed for such use. Speeds shall remain at a rate as to not produce dust. All motor vehicle use, including ATVs, must comply with existing federal and state off-highway regulations, and will be enforced by BLM law enforcement rangers.

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Activity Date

Worksheet Documentation of Land Use Plan Conformance and NEPA Adequacy (DNA)

U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

A. BLM Office: Phoenix Field Office

NEPA No.: AZ-210-2005-0018

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Proposed Action Title/Type: Special Recreation Permit (SRP), Desert Mountain National Enduro

Applicant: Arizona Trail Riders, Don Hood Club President

Location of Proposed Action: Boulders staging area: T6N, R2W, Section 23 BLM course segments: T7N, R2W, Sections 13-15, 19, 22-24, 26, 27, 34 and 35; T6N, R2W, Sections 1, 3, 4, 10-12, 14, 15 and 22-24; and T6N, R1W, Sections 6 and 7.

All roads which are under Maricopa County, State Land Department and/or private land jurisdictions are not authorized under this permit and the legals given below for these parcels are for informational purposes only.

State Trust Land segments: T7N, R3W, Sections 25, 26, 35 and 36; T7N, R2W, Sections 5-8, 16, 17, 20, 28-33; and T6N, R2W, Section 2.

Private Land segments: T6N, R2W, Sections 4 and 9.

Description of the Proposed Action: Authorize an SRP for the Arizona Trail Riders (ATR) to hold the 2005 Desert Mountain National Enduro on existing motorized routes and existing staging area in the Hieroglyphic Mountains west of Lake Pleasant. The two day event will take place on February 26 and 27, 2005. Staging and camping for the event will be at the site referred to as "the Boulders" located eight miles west of Lake Pleasant and one mile north of State Highway 74. The course is located on lands managed by the BLM and the State of Arizona. Registration, tech inspections and jetting testing will occur on Saturday the 26th and the actual race will occur on the 27th.

The enduro is sanctioned by the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) and is a race over natural terrain where a participant must arrive at checkpoints in a predetermined time based on the published speed average. Speeds average 24 MPH for the pro and semi-pro riders (A/B classes) and 18 MPH for the lower skilled riders (C class). The winner is the participant who stays closest to the assigned average speed.

Two loops have been established for the event to accommodate the three skill levels. Routes will rotate southeast to northwest in counterclockwise directions (see attached map). Check points and timers will be strategically placed throughout the route to time participants and prevent

course cutting. The event will start at a location approximately one mile north of the Boulders to mitigate dust concerns in the staging area. Riders will start in rows according to skill level, four riders per row, departing in one minute intervals. The first loop is 36 miles and designed for the C riders. The second loop is 50 miles and designed for the A and B riders. The A class riders will run the entire 86 mile course, the B class ride both loops for a total of 66 miles and the C class only ride the first 36 mile loop. Both groups will finish at the Picacho Wash fueling pit south of the Kileaua Crushers gravel pit (see map), and will return to the staging area after completing the course. Each participant will handle motorcycle breakdowns by removing the vehicle from the course and doing the maintenance work off the track. If the motorcycle can not run, the participant either will leave the motorcycle or safely push it back to the staging area, using the course as access. The ATR club will provide an event coordinator, registrars, tech inspectors, scorers, flaggers, sweep riders, safety and cleanup people. Refueling stops will be placed at designated areas to accommodate environmental and logistical concerns. All motorcycles will be required to run AMA approved spark arresters/mufflers.

The event is expected to draw 200 to 250 participants, 100 family members and 25 support staff. Camping will be authorized only within the staging/camping area. Port-a-johns and trash dumpsters will be placed throughout the camping area commensurate with the number of participants and staff. Following the event, ATR members will maintain or rehabilitate roads and/or trails impacted by the event to good condition, remove all temporary course markings and clean and haul all debris from the site.

Safety measures will be implemented at the event. The course will be closed to spectators, crew members and other non-participants. Qualified medical personnel (EMTs) will be available during the event. The course will be marked with cardboard arrows that will show turns, straight stretches, danger areas, etc. Refueling will be permitted only in the designated pit areas. The event coordinator will conduct the pre-ride meeting and brief the participants concerning the route, regulations, safety procedures and course markings.

The proposed action is located within the Maricopa County non-attainment area for PM-10. Consequently, ATR submitted a Dust Plan to the Maricopa County Air Quality Division identifying specific control measures to mitigate fugitive and visible dust concerns during the event. The plan was reviewed and approved by the county and identified dust control measures which included moving routes away from high visibility areas, moving the starting line away from the staging area, setting 15 MPH speed limits and applying water in selected potentially high dust areas. The event will be monitored by Maricopa County compliance inspectors and BLM personnel to determine if additional control measures are needed to control fugitive dust during the event. The Dust Plan will then be re-evaluated and modified as needed for future events. (Specific mitigation measures for the dust control can be found in the attached Dust Plan and the attached Stipulations.)

Vendors on site will be included with this SRP and insured under the permittee's insurance policy. Leave No Trace and Tread Lightly! principles will be practiced. The attached "Arizona and Phoenix Field Office BLM Stipulations for Commercial and Competitive Motorized SRPs" are incorporated herein.

B. Conformance with the Land Use Plan (LUP) and Consistency with Related Subordinate Implementation Plans.

LUP Name: "Phoenix Resource Area Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement"

Date Approved: September 29, 1989

The proposed action is in conformance with the LUP, even though it is not specifically provided for, because it is clearly consistent with the following LUP decisions (objectives, terms, and conditions) and, if applicable, implementation plan decisions:

The proposed action is not specifically provided for in the LUP. However, the Phoenix Resource Management Plan, on page 14 in Chapter 2, under General Management Guidance for Land Use Authorizations states that "Land use authorizations (rights-of-way, leases, permits, easements) would continue to be issued on a case-by-case basis and in accordance with the recommendations in this Proposed RMP/EIS".

Current management policy limits motorized travel to existing roads, trails and washes used for vehicular travel. However no official map of the existing roads and trails has been produced identifying these specific routes. Until such time that a route designation process is completed, the Phoenix Field Manager considers all actions on motorized routes on a case-by-case basis.

C. Identify the applicable NEPA document(s) and other related documents that cover the proposed action.

This proposed action is covered in the following EAs: <u>"Arizona Trail Riders Enduro Motorcycle Event"</u> Environmental Assessment, AZ-020-98-035, dated 2/25/98.

D. NEPA Adequacy Criteria

1. Is the current proposed action substantially the same action (or is a part of that action) as previously analyzed?

The current proposed action is substantially the same action analyzed in page 4 of the above EA. The additional routes not previously analyzed in the EA are existing routes which have been inspected by resource specialists. It has been determined that impacts associated with the additional routes are expected to be the same as those previously addressed in the EA and are not significant. All anticipated impacts to the staging/camping area and routes have been identified and mitigated.

2. Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s) appropriate with respect to the current proposed action, given current environmental concerns, interests, resource values, and circumstances?

Two alternatives, proposed action and no action, were analyzed in the existing EA and they are still appropriate with respect to the current proposed action.

3. Is the existing analysis adequate and are the conclusions adequate in light of any new information or circumstances (including, for example, riparian proper functioning condition [PFC] reports; rangeland health standards assessments; Unified Watershed Assessment categorizations; inventory and monitoring data; most recent Fish and Wildlife Service lists of threatened, endangered, proposed, and candidate species; most recent BLM lists of sensitive species)? Can you reasonably conclude that all new information and all new circumstances are insignificant with regard to analysis of the proposed action.

New information and circumstances have appeared since the EA was written and are discussed below. Each one has been appropriately analyzed and considered by resource specialists for the proposed action and it has been determined that there is either, no affect, or no significant impacts, with regards to the new information and circumstances.

In August of 1999, three changes were made to the listing of "Critical Elements of the Human Environment" which must be considered in all NEPA analysis; Invasive, Non-Native Species, Ground and Surface Water Quality, and Environmental Justice. It has been determined by resource specialists that this proposed action has no direct or indirect impacts on any of these elements in the affected area. Stipulations addressing this element have been added to mitigate any potential invasion of non-native species that might occur in the affected area by the proposed action. Ground and surface water quality will not be affected by the proposed action. In reviewing the proposed action it was determined that the proposed action will not disproportionately affect Native American tribes, or minority and/or low-income groups.

Standards for Rangeland Health were incorporated into all state LUPs through a statewide amendment in May of 1997, therefore, the proposed action was reviewed by resource specialists to determine whether it is in conformance with the approved standards. It was determined that the proposed action will not adversely affect the watershed functional condition, the desired plant community or the riparian functional condition for the affected area.

The Agua Fria and the Sonoran Desert National Monuments were designated by Presidential Proclamation in January of 2000 and 2001 to protect objects of scientific or historic interest. The proposed action does not occur within these monument boundaries so are not affected.

Executive Order 13212, dated December of 2001, directed that all decisions made by the BLM will take into consideration adverse impacts on the President's National Energy Policy. To comply with this directive, the proposed action was reviewed and it has been determined by resource specialists that the proposed action will not have a direct or indirect impact on energy development, production, supply and/or distribution since the proposed action does not occur in an area with any existing utility corridors, there are no known planned or proposed energy developments, and no applications for such use has been received by the PFO.

4. Do the methodology and analytical approach used in the existing NEPA document(s) continue to be appropriate for the current proposed action?

The process used in the existing EA is the agency standard for this type of action. The environmental impacts of the proposed action were analyzed during the development of the EA.

5. Are the direct and indirect impacts of the current proposed action substantially unchanged from those identified in the existing NEPA document(s)? Does the existing NEPA document sufficiently analyze site-specific impacts related to the current proposed action?

The direct and indirect impacts are virtually the same as those identified and analyzed in the existing EA which specifically analyzes site-specific impacts for all activities and routes identified in the proposed action.

6. Can you conclude without additional analysis or information that the cumulative impacts that would result from implementation of the current proposed action are substantially unchanged from those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)?

Yes, the cumulative impacts resulting from the proposed action activities on public land are substantially unchanged from those analyzed in the existing EA. Visitation and other uses in the area have not increased significantly to change or negatively affect the cumulative impacts analysis. In addition, the activity is limited to roads, trails and washes which are open and available for use to the general public.

• 7. Are the public involvement and interagency review associated with existing NEPA document(s) adequate for the current proposed action?

The interagency consultation and public involvement and review associated with the existing EA are adequate for the current proposed action. Nothing in the proposed action has changed, and no new circumstances or concerns have emerged that require public involvement or interagency review since the EA was written.

E. Interdisciplinary Analysis: Identify those team members conducting or participating in the preparation of this worksheet.

Name	<u>Title</u>	Resource <u>Represented</u>
Penny Foreman Jim Andersen	Outdoor Recreation Planner Lands and Realty Team Lead	Recreation and Preparer Lands and Realty
Lee Higgins Tim Hughes	Range Management Team Lead Wildlife Team Lead	Range Management
Rich Hanson	Recreation Team Lead (484)	Wildlife, T/E and Archaeology Recreation and NEPA (1814)

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CONCLUSION

Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the applicable land use plan and that the existing NEPA documentation fully covers the proposed action and constitutes BLM's compliance with the requirements of NEPA.

Richard B. Harram	1-27-05
Signature of the Responsible Official	Date

Note: The signed <u>CONCLUSION</u> on this worksheet is part of an interim step in the BLM's internal analysis process and does not constitute an appealable decision.

PHOENIX FIELD OFFICE BLM STANDARD STIPULATIONS FOR COMMERCIAL, COMPETITIVE MOTORIZED EVENT SPECIAL RECREATION PERMITS

ATR 2005 Desert Mountain National Enduro, AZA-31882

In addition to the conditions and stipulations listed on the Special Recreation Application and Permit form, the Phoenix Field Office BLM has established the following additional stipulations designed to protect the lands and resources involved, reduce user conflicts, and/or minimize health and safety hazards. The stipulations will be made part of the permit. Failure to comply with these stipulations may result in the loss of permit privileges.

- BLM Contacts: Penny Foreman at 623-580-5528, or Jack Ragsdale at 623-580-5643
- BLM Law Enforcement Dispatch Office: 1800-637-9152 or 623-580-5515

General Administrative:

- 1. Estimated fee payments, or the minimum non-refundable annual fee, whichever is applicable, will be submitted in advance to the BLM authorized officer prior to issuance or validation of the permit. Use fees for commercial permits are 3% of gross revenue, \$4 per participant per day, or the minimum annual fee of \$80, whichever is greater.
- 2. Fees for vending activities included with this permit are calculated in addition to the above fees. Vending fees are 3% of gross receipts of on-site sales associated with the permitted activity. The receipts are to be included on the event post use report where indicated and fees submitted with the event fees.
- 3. Post use reports, and any additional use and vending fees, are due within 15 business days of completion of the event.
- 4. Overpayment of fees will be applied to the following year's estimated use fees. Refunds will not be given for overpayment of fees unless the permit is to be cancelled and not renewed for a period of three years.
- 5. The permittee is required to contact private landowners and other governmental agencies whose property is affected by the use associated with the permit (this includes the Arizona State Land Department for state trust lands). Evidence that authorization has been obtained must be available to the BLM authorized officer upon request.
- 6. Any changes to the approved Plan of Operations must first be approved by the BLM authorized officer. This includes the use of subcontractors.
- 7. The permit does not authorize exclusive use and shall not be construed in any way so as to prevent public use or access on any public lands except as expressly allowed under the permit.

- 8. The permittee is required to provide the BLM authorized officer with a copy of a valid Certificate of Insurance covering the periods of use. The U.S. Government must be named as a co-insured party on the policy. Minimum general liability limits are: \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 annual aggregate for bodily injury, and \$30,000 property damage.
- 9. It is the responsibility of the permittee to ensure valid insurance coverage with the limits listed above is provided for all equipment and services supplied by subcontractors and vendors (including products-completed operations for vendors). A copy of the valid insurance coverage must be made available to the BLM authorized officer upon request.
- 10. A copy of this permit and the stipulations must be made available to any employee, participant, spectator or BLM employee upon request.
- 11. Any violation of the permit terms, conditions and stipulations may be subject to penalties prescribed in 43 CFR 8372.0-7, which may include fines up to \$1,000 and/or imprisonment up to 12 months. Additionally, any such violation may result in permit probation, suspension or revocation. Examples which can lead to permit violations include, but are not limited to; delinquent post use reports and/or payments, deviations to operating plan not approved by authorized official, violation of laws and regulations, significant resource damage and public endangerment.
- 12. All signs on public lands must be authorized by the BLM in writing.
- 11. The permittee is responsible for ensuring the safety of all clients and support personnel, assuring that all permit actions are in conformance with local, state and federal health and safety standards and providing for appropriate emergency attention.
- 12. The BLM reserves the right to alter the terms, conditions or stipulations of a permit at any time for reasons such as significant policy, administrative procedure or stipulation change.
- 13. Permits remain valid if the permittee is in good standing by complying with all terms, conditions and stipulations including timely submission of post use reports, and payment of applicable use fees.

Resource Protection:

- 1. All activities are to remain on the <u>approved</u> roads, trails, washes and/or staging areas. No deviation to these routes is permitted without prior approval from the BLM authorized officer. Off-highway vehicles are not permitted in riparian areas or in running washes except at road crossings.
- 2. Employees and clients will be instructed that it is unlawful to disturb, deface, excavate or remove any archaeological or paleontological objects or structures. Simply, look but don't touch! Rock art may be photographed but not touched. Collection of prehistoric or historic artifacts is not allowed. Any prehistoric or historic cultural site or human remains

- discovered by the operator, employees or clients will be left undisturbed and reported as soon as possible to the BLM authorized officer.
- 3. Operator must notify the BLM authorized officer of any specific archaeological sites proposed for inclusion on tours. Tours to sites are subject to BLM approval and protective stipulations.
- 4. Historical mine sites should not be disturbed. Collecting artifacts from these sites is strictly prohibited.
- 5. Stay out and Stay Alive! Abandoned mines are extremely dangerous and BLM policy is to avoid entry. All persons operating under this SRP, including subcontractors and vendors, are prohibited from entering abandoned mines.
- 6. Harassment of livestock, wildlife, wild horses or burros, or destruction of private and public improvements such as fences and gates is prohibited. All gates and fences shall be left as found. The taking of any threatened or endangered plant or animal is prohibited.
- 7. Proposed activities will be conducted in a manner that will not interfere with mining or exploration operations. No minerals are to be collected from areas encumbered by active mining claims unless authorized by the claimant(s).
- 8. Cutting or removal of live vegetation is not permitted unless specifically authorized.
- 9. Collection, harassment and disturbance of desert tortoises and Gila monsters are prohibited by Arizona State Law. If encountered on roads or trails they should be avoided. If a desert tortoise is encountered and cannot be avoided, it should be carefully moved to safety by carrying it horizontal to the ground, not tilted, and placed in the shade no more than 50 feet away. Gila monsters should be avoided and not handled. They are venomous and can inflict a serious and painful bite.
- 10. If the volume of use is determined to be adversely impacting soils or riparian condition through erosion, bank alteration or other means, the BLM may restrict use of affected areas or routes to allow restoration and recovery of degraded areas. During wet periods, certain road and trail segments may be closed to all traffic. The BLM will consider the applicant's needs when designing and implementing restrictions or watershed restoration efforts that could influence the operation.
- 11. The permittee will be committed to preserving and protecting the public lands by learning, practicing and promoting the *Leave No Trace* principles listed below:
 - > Plan ahead and prepare.
 - > Travel and camp on durable surfaces.
 - > Dispose of waste properly.
 - > Leave what you find.
 - ➤ Minimize campfire impacts.
 - Respect wildlife.

➤ Be considerate of other visitors.

Off-Highway Vehicle Use:

- 1. No off-highway vehicles of any type are permitted in riparian areas or in running washes except at road crossings. Substantiated reports of unauthorized use in these areas will result in immediate probation and possible suspension or revocation of permit privileges.
- 2. All motor vehicle use will comply with existing BLM and state off-highway vehicle laws and regulations on public lands relating to use, standards, registration, operation and inspection. These regulations include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - 1. No person shall operate an off-road vehicle on public lands:
 - 1. In a reckless, careless or negligent manner;
 - 2. In excess of established speed limits;
 - 3. While under the influence of alcohol, narcotics or drugs;
 - 4. In a manner causing, or likely to cause, significant undue damage to or disturbance of the soil, wildlife, wildlife habitat, improvements, cultural, or vegetative resources.
 - 2. Drivers shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians, saddle horses, pack trains, and animal drawn vehicles.
 - 3. Drivers are prohibited from operating a motor vehicle, unless the driver and each front seat passenger are restrained by a properly fastened safety belt.
- 14. Permittee will be committed to preserving and protecting the public lands by learning, practicing and promoting the *Tread Lightly!* principles listed below.
 - > Travel and recreate with minimal impact,
 - Respect the environment and the rights of others,
 - Educate yourself, plan and prepare before you go,
 - Allow for future use of the outdoors, leave it *better* than you found it, and
 - > Discover the rewards of responsible recreation.

Event Operations:

- 1. The course is restricted to participants and event staff only during the duration of the race.
- 2. Spectators are limited to viewing the event from the starting line area or the Picacho Wash fueling area and finish line.
- 3. All motor vehicle use will comply with existing federal and state off-highway vehicle regulations on public lands.
- 4. Participants are confined to the designated course, no deviations or cross country travel is allowed. Race vehicles that break down on the course between checkpoints and are unable to travel are to be moved a safe distance away from the middle of the course to not impede oncoming traffic and must provide for the least amount of natural resource damage.

Vehicles may only be retrieved after the last vehicle has passed thru the area.

- 5. Motorcycles and ATVs are required to have USDA approved spark arresters and mufflers.
- 6. All motorcycles and ATVs participating in the event are to meet the recommended maximum sound level (96 dB(A) with (SAE J1287) established and identified in the "Stationary Sound Test Manual" published by the Motorcycle Industry Council, Revised 2001. The stationary sound test procedures outlined in the manual is to be used to monitor compliance with this requirement. Motorcycles and ATVs used by the permittee for event operations such as sweep riding, shall not exceed 103 dB(A).
- 7. The permittee must produce and post temporary signs to be placed at all major access points and intersections in the area notifying public land visitors of the event and of potential access delays during race times.
- 8. The permittee shall coordinate all traffic control and emergency responses with the BLM law enforcement ranger and/or the appropriate county sheriff's office.
- 9. All temporary signs posted on public lands must be authorized by BLM.
- 10. A logistical map showing all checkpoints and medical locations must be provided to the BLM 15 days prior to the event.
- 11. At the discretion of the authorizing officer, the event may be postponed or canceled due to inclement weather conditions or if other conditions and factors warrant.
- 12. Permittee will hold a pre-race meeting to discuss event and pit rules, safety procedures, rules of conduct, resource concerns and ethics, and inform participants of course conditions.
- 13. Spectators and non-authorized vehicles are not allowed at the checkpoints, pit areas or on the course during poker run/race times.
- 14. Permittee shall be responsible for marking all hazards and providing flag monitors at all road/trail/wash crossings which may be used by other public land visitors.
- 15. Prior arrangements will be made with the grazing permittees so the event will not interfere with turn-out or gathering activities. All gates will have monitors during the event. This is to insure that livestock do not cross pastures during the event, and that gates are secured at the end of the event. Participants will be informed if there are cattle in designated areas.
- 16. Checkpoint staff, volunteers, race officials and pit crew members shall avoid all surface disturbing and resource damaging activities. Checkpoint parking and camping will be allowed only in previously used locations. All checkpoint areas will be cleaned of trash and debris, fire rings and ashes. All vehicle use, except the parking of checkpoint vehicles, is limited to existing roads and trails.

- 17. The permittee shall provide a minimum of three EMTs during the duration of the event in the case of an injury requiring first aid or emergency services. All checkpoints will have first aid supplies.
- 18. Local hospital and emergency urgent care center information shall be posted in an accessible location for all participants (such as registration). Participants will be instructed on emergency procedures at the mandatory riders pre-race meeting.
- 19. Nothing in this permit shall be construed as allowing the sale of alcoholic beverages.
- 20. All injuries requiring hospital emergency care and/or admittance will be immediately reported to the BLM law enforcement ranger and BLM authorized officer on duty at the event/race and a Death or Injury Report submitted within 10 days of the event.
- 21. The permittee will be required to stop the event/race by the BLM law enforcement ranger and/or the county sheriff's deputy in charge if it is determined that medical personnel cannot reach the injured party without driving against race traffic. It is imperative that in emergency life and death situations, when at all possible, coordination efforts between race officials, BLM law enforcement rangers, Arizona Game and Fish Department wildlife managers, and county sheriff deputies must be made and actions agreed upon by all parties.
- 22. No firing of firearms shall be permitted during the event.
- 23. The permittee is responsible for removing all signs, flagging, markers, trash and any other event related debris within 24 hours of the completion of the event.

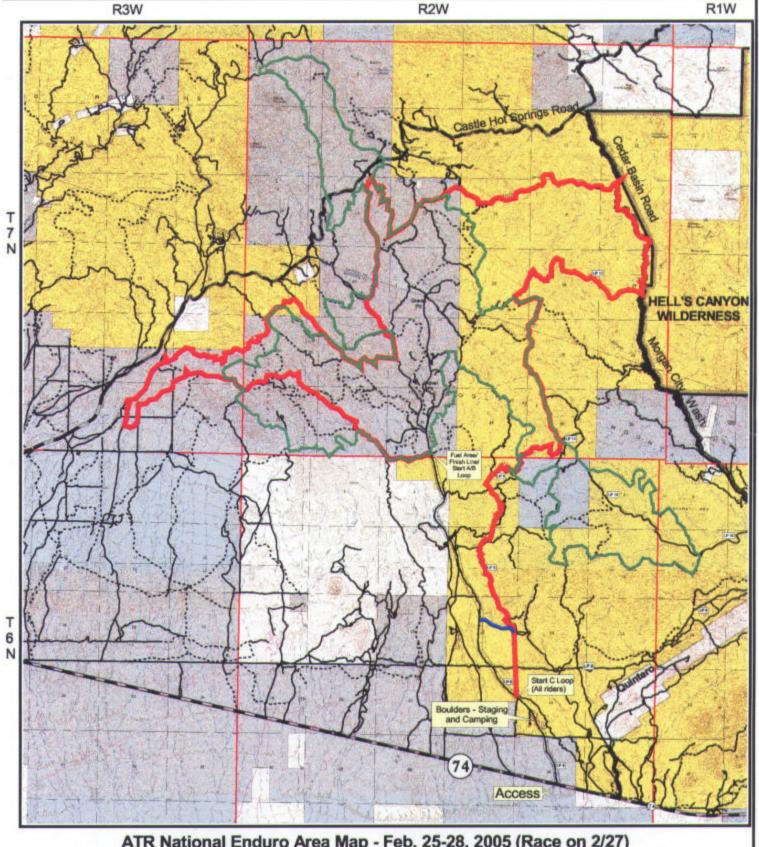
Post Event Course Rehabilitation Guidelines:

- 1. Smooth the course to pre-race soil levels where berms, ruts and/or depressions due to soil loss have occurred, most notably at hard turns. Use a drag harrow to loosen and spread soils to create a more natural appearance and to maintain course condition for future use.
- 2. Neutralize ruts 8" deep or more where soil erosion or channelized water run-off is likely.
- 3. Repair any damages to fences, posts, gates or range improvements that occurred as a result of the event. Soil ruts that develop at gate locations must be leveled, and any loose fence wire must be tightened to prevent livestock entanglement.
- 4. No heavy equipment is to be used without prior approval from the BLM authorized officer.

Specific Mitigation Measures Identified for this Permit:

- 1. The permittee will adhere to all control measures agreed to in the Dust Control Plan approved by the Maricopa County Air Quality Division. Measures include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - a) The course will be routed to reduce visible and fugitive dust from Highway 74 and the Quintero Development. Remaining at least one mile from the highway, and avoiding route LP8 are currently recommended to meet this requirement
 - b) The starting line will not be located within ½ mile of the Boulders staging area.
 - c) Water will be applied on the access road to the staging area, the staging area, the jetting loop, refueling pits and the starting line the day before, during and immediately after the event (Friday thru Sunday).
 - d) All areas that have been identified to potentially create excessive dust such as the access road, staging area, jetting loop, starting line, refueling pits, sand wash transfer sections, two-track routes adjacent to the staging area and route LP6 will be closely monitored during the duration of the event. Water will be applied to these areas, and/or other control measures such as speed limits, will be implemented as needed.
 - e) Refueling pits will be moved to the haul road if dust is determined to be excessive and mitigation measures are unsuccessful.
 - f) Traffic on the access road, in the staging area, on the access road to the starting line and route LP6 will be limited to 15 MPH.
 - g) The jetting loop will be limited to set blocks of time and will only be allowed on Saturday.
- 2. This SRP is not an exclusive use permit. Public access to BLM lands, including mining claims, shall not be denied. The applicant will coordinate traffic control and road crossings required on the designated course. As a minimum, traffic control monitors will be located at the two Castle Hot Springs Road crossings.
- 3. Signs alerting the public land users to the event, including the date and approximate times the race will be in progress, will be located at the following sites: Quintero Golf and Country Club entrance road, south and north end of Cedar Basin Road, Morgan City Wash entrance off of Highway 74, the access road intersection at mile post 11.5 on Highway 74, and the two course crossings on Castle Hot Springs Road.
- 4. The speed limit on the course segment that is on Cedar Basin Road is limited to 15 MPH to reduce dust and noise impacts to the adjacent wilderness.
- 5. The event will be allowed only if soil moisture levels are not so high that undue trail damage will occur. If moderate rains occur on the day of the event, appropriate rehabilitation will be done by the permittee at the direction of the BLM representative within 30 days following the event. The event may be cancelled at any time by the BLM representative due to excessive soil moisture.

6. Play riding is restricted to non-congested areas within the staging/camping area. No passengers are allowed on ATVs unless the ATV is designed for such use. Speeds shall remain at a rate as to not produce dust. All motor vehicle use, including ATVs, must comply with existing federal and state off-highway regulations, and will be enforced by BLM law enforcement rangers.



ATR National Enduro Area Map - Feb. 25-28, 2005 (Race on 2/27)



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